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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

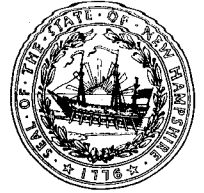
Winnepesaukee River Basin Program

Wastewater Treatment Plant

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NOTICE OF PAST VIOLATION

October 4, 2006

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Subject: Unauthorized Discharge to the Gilford Sewer

Dear Mr. Matthewman:

On September 27, 2006, personnel from the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP), Water Division ("the Division") noticed a rapid flow increase in our Jewett Brook interceptor at a metering station located near the Laconia/Gilford town line. Personnel from our Laconia facility investigated the cause of the three-fold increase in flow and discovered that personnel from Laconia Water Works were flushing a new water line in Gilford and the discharge was being directed into a Gilford sewer that connects to the WRBP Jewett Brook interceptor. The personnel also noted a very strong order of chlorine at the manhole where the discharge was entering the sewer system.

There could have been serious consequences if WRBP personnel had been working at the Jewett Brook pumping station either in the wet well or servicing pumps or valves when this unexpected three fold increase in station flow occurred. The Sewer Use Rules for the WRBP are contained in the States Administrative Rule Env-Ws 1200 and within that rule there are provisions for the "Approval of Special Discharges of Limited Duration" (See Env-Ws 1203.10). That part of the rule covers discharges such as the flushing of highly chlorinated water from a new water main which requires prior approval. Since no request was made to the WRBP for the approval of this discharge, the Laconia Water Works was in violation of Env-Ws 1200.

A copy of the administrative rules covering the discharges to the WRBP collection system is enclosed with this letter for your future reference.

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The Division believes that the cited deficiencies can be prevented from reoccurring. Through this notice of past violation, the Division is documenting that the violation occurred and will be addressed by the Laconia Water Works.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Vernon Chris Hipkiss at 934-2809.

Very truly yours,



Richard Flanders, Director
Winnepesaukee River Basin Program

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